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Official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature to commemorate the International Mother Earth Day [webcast]

10:00 to 10:40	Opening segment	Trusteeship Council Chamber
10:40 to 13:00	Panel discussion: Earth jurisprudence and the Sustainable Development Agenda Part I: The Roles of Rights of Nature, Ecological Economics, Education, Ethics, Philosophy, Holistic Science and the Media	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 17:45	Panel discussion: Earth jurisprudence and the Sustainable Development Agenda Part II: The Roles of Rights of Nature, Ecological Economics, Education, Ethics, Philosophy, Holistic Science and the Media	Trusteeship Council Chamber
17:45 to 18:00	Closing segment	Trusteeship Council Chamber

[For more information on the event, please *click here*. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 April 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting Executive meeting	Conference Room 10

Disarmament Commission
2017 substantive session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Plenary [webcast]

15:00 to 16:00	366th meeting	Conference Room 3
16:00 to 18:00	367th meeting	Conference Room 3

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00	1878th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

1. The situation in the Middle East (UNDOF)
2. Military Staff Committee Mission Report (MS/3499)

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) on Somalia and Eritrea

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Midterm update by the Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group (SEMG) pursuant to paragraph 40 of resolution 2317 (2016)
3. Discussion on the SEMG's midterm update
4. Other matters

Economic and Social Council
2017 session

Coordination and management meeting

10:00 to 13:00	22nd meeting [webcast]	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. United Nations research and training institutes (E/2017/48, E/2017/51, E/2017/52, E/2017/L.18 and E/2017/L.19) [item 20]

Introduction of the reports

General discussion

Action on draft resolutions

2. Briefing by the Vice-President of the Council (Czech Republic)

[The programme for the session is available from the website of the Council (please *click here*). For further information, please contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

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For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.]

Council forum on financing for development follow-up
Informal consultations

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations Economic and Social Council Chamber

On the draft conclusions and recommendations of the 2017 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, convened by the co-facilitators (Belgium and South Africa)

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Creativity and Innovation Day" (under agenda item 19) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of professional translation in connecting nations and fostering peace, understanding and development" (under agenda item 125) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Azerbaijan and Belarus)

11:00 to 12:30 .Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Oceans)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the Committee on Information)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Fifth Conference of the Universities that signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United Nations on cooperation in the training of candidates for United Nations Language Competitive Examinations (organized by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM))

09:00 to 12:30 [webcast] Conference Room 2

13:45 to 15:00 [webcast] Conference Room 2

All are invited. For further information or to register, please contact Ms. Abigail Loregnard, DGACM (email loregnard@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3137); or *click here*.

Event entitled "Urban Law Day" (co-organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the Fordham University Urban Law Center)

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact UN-Habitat (e-mail habitatny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200).

Panel discussion entitled "International Organizations and Academia – Partners in Sustaining Multilingualism in the Service of Peace, Development and Human Rights" (organized by the Depa: tment for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM))

15:30 to 16:30 [webcast] Conference Room 2

All are invited. For further information or to register, please contact Ms. Abigail Loregnard, DGACM (email loregnard@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3137); or *click here*.

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Monday, 24, Tuesday, 25, and Thursday, 27 April 2017

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the revised draft of the "Call for Action" to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 April 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

10:00 General Assembly Hall
Overflow room: Conference Room 4

15:00 General Assembly Hall

High-level event to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 April 2017 and 20 April 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

15:00 Conference Room 4

Informal consultation on the process concerning the ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 11 April 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Monday, 5, to Friday, 9 June 2017

The United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development will be held at United Nations Headquarters from Monday, 5 to Friday, 9 June 2017, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/303 of 9 September 2016. For further information, please *click here*.

The provisional agenda and provisional rules of procedure of the Conference have been issued as documents A/CONF.230/1 and A/CONF.230/2, respectively.

The Conference will include *eight plenary meetings*, which will be held in the General Assembly Hall, as follows:

Monday, 5 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00;

Tuesday, 6 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00;

Wednesday, 7 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00;

Thursday, 8 June 2017, from 15:00 to 18:00; and

Friday, 9 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00.

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings, the "General debate" *is open*. Requests for inscription from the States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, for the general debate should be sent through the e-Speakers system available through the e-deleGATE portal (*click here*). An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within *one hour* of receipt of request for inscription.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come first-served basis with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The European Union will be included in the list of speakers. It is proposed that a time limit of *five minutes* be established for each statement, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts. All delegations prior to the delivery of the statements are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to papersmart@un.org, indicating in the subject line: "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at *least three hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition, representatives of the following organizations may, in accordance with resolution 70/303 and time permitting, make a statement during the general debate: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices (rule 60 of the provisional rules of procedure); (b) other intergovernmental organizations (rule 63); (c) associate members of regional commissions (rule 61); (d) specialized agencies and related organizations (rule 62); and (e) United Nations organs (rule 64). These representatives may contact the Secretariat (c/o Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org)) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

Also, representatives of non-governmental organizations (rule 65), civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private sector and philanthropic organizations may, in accordance with resolution 70/303 and time permitting, make a statement during the general debate. These representatives are invited to indicate their interest to speak by using the form (*click here*). Preference will be given to statements that are delivered on behalf of groups of organizations.

The *seven partnership dialogues* will be held in Conference Room 4, as follows:

Monday, 5 June 2017, from 15:00 to 18:00, on the theme "Addressing marine pollution";

Tuesday, 6 June 2017 from 10:00 to 13:00, on the theme "Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems";

Tuesday, 6 June 2017, from 15:00 to 18:00, on the theme "Minimizing and addressing ocean acidification";

Wednesday, 7 June 2017 from 10:00 to 13:00, on the theme "Making fisheries sustainable";

Wednesday, 7 June 2017 from 15:00 to 18:00, on the theme "Increasing economic benefits to small islands developing States and least developed countries and providing access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets";

Thursday, 8 June 2017, from 15:00 to 18:00, on the theme "Increasing scientific knowledge and developing research capacity and transfer of marine technology"; and

Friday, 9 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00, on the theme "Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea".

The partnership dialogues *open* to all participants accredited to the Conference, will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature. The partnership dialogues will begin with a panel discussion, followed by an interactive dialogue among participants. Interventions in the interactive debate should be limited to *three minutes*. The order of speakers for each partnership dialogue will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, bearing in mind equitable geographical distribution while allowing for some flexibility with priority given to States according to the level of representation, followed by intergovernmental organizations and other entities, associate members of regional commissions, United Nations system, major groups and other relevant actors. It is envisaged that up to 25 States and 15 other participants will be accommodated to speak in the interactive debate of each partnership dialogue.

States and the associate members of regional commissions participating in the Conference are requested to indicate two partnership dialogues in which to have a speaking slot, including the order of preference, name, title and level of participation, to the Secretariat (c/o Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)) *before the deadline date of Friday, 19 May 2017*.

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities, specialized agencies and related organizations, and United Nations organs are also requested to indicate two partnership dialogues in which to have a speaking slot, including the order of preference, name, title and level of participation, to the Secretariat (c/o Ms. Federica Pietracci (e-mail pietracci@un.org)) *before the deadline date of Friday, 19 May 2017*.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations and other major groups as well as other stakeholders are requested to indicate two partnership dialogues in which to have a speaking slot by using the form (*click here*) *before the deadline date of Monday, 24 April 2017*. Additional guidance on the partnership dialogues as circulated by the President of the General Assembly, in a letter dated 6 April 2017, is available on the Conference website (*click here*).

The *special event commemorating World Ocean Day* will be held on Thursday, 8 June 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 in the General Assembly Hall. Further details on the special event will be made available on the Conference website.

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the *credentials* of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General

of the United Nations and submitted to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Rooms S-3633 or S-3639), if possible *not less than one week* before Monday, 5 June 2017. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Council or the President of the European Commission. Copies of the credentials should also be transmitted to the Protocol and Liaison Service (e-mail unprotocol@un.org; Room S-0201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities, associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secure login credential (password).

Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests. Additional information is available on the Conference website under "Registration" (*click here*).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

Monday, 1 May 2017

10:00 Conference Room 3

The status of preparedness of documentation has been issued as document A/C.5/71/L.29.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available at the Committee website (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit any change or update to their official list of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers by sending a note verbale from their Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York and/or completing form A/INF/71/2 and sending it to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce)
Fifty-fifth session

24 to 28 April 2017 .. Conference Room 3

The first meeting (closed) will take place on Monday, 24 April 2017, at 10:30.

The report of the session will be adopted by the Working Group on Friday, 28 April 2017.

Committee on Information
Thirty-ninth session

Monday, 24 April 2017

15:00 to 18:00 1st meeting Conference Room 2

The opening session will include statements by the Chair of the Committee and the Acting Under Secretary-General for Global Communications, adoption of the programme of work and election of officers of the committee for 2017. Following this, there will be an informal interactive discussion between the senior management of the Department of Public Information and delegations. The general debate in the Committee will *begin immediately after*.

The thirty-ninth session of the Committee on Information is being served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. Delegations and participants on the list of speakers are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart3@un.org, *as soon as available*, and at *least one hour in advance* of their designated speaking slot and the email subject should include the entity name, meeting name and related agenda item. PDF format is preferred. Delegations are kindly requested to provide *30 hard copies* of the text for the technical services *no later than one hour* before delivery of the statement. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which it will be available to the public on the Portal.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Thursday, 27 April 2017

10:00 281st meeting (closed) Conference Room 6

Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; Room S-3632)).

The meeting will *not be open* to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least *48 hours prior* to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5).

Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-seventh session
5 to 23 June 2017

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks before* the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 19 May 2017*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (304 East 45th Street, Room FF-700; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org). The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of the States Parties
Tenth session

13 to 15 June 2017

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary *quorum* for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are *173* States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is *115* States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be sent to the secretariat via e-mail to zhangg@un.org, with the original copy sent to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Room S-2905).

States parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the *accessibility requirements* of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings. For *further information* concerning the Conference of the States Parties, please contact the secretariat via e-mail (zhangg@un.org); or consult the United Nations Enable website (*click here*).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eleventh session

Monday, 24 April 2017

Liberia Configuration

10:00	Informal meeting	Conference Room 7

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

Burundi Configuration

10:00	Informal meeting	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Special meeting on innovations for infrastructure development and promoting sustainable industrialization

Wednesday, 31 May 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting to highlight the relevance of industry, innovation and infrastructure (Goal 9) for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Zimbabwe) and will comprise interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers, with interventions limited to *three minutes*.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing, no later than noon on Tuesday, 30 May 2017*, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that *only one list of participants* will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

In advance of the special meeting, a preparatory meeting on agriculture and agro-industries development toward sustainable and resilient food systems, will be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, from 24 to 26 April 2017. The preparatory meeting is open to all Member States. Delegations are invited to nominate representatives for participation in the preparatory meeting. Please send nominations *as soon as possible* to Mr. Gregory Barrett, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail barrettg@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4723). For more information on the special meeting and the preparatory events, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

Sixteenth session

24 to 28 April 2017 Conference Room 1

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.16/2017/1.

For the programme of work and other related documents of the sixteenth session of the Committee, please visit the website by *clicking here*.

Live streaming of the session will be available on UN WebTV in six languages (*click here*).

The sixteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the *PaperSmart Portal* in all available official languages as well as on the website.

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Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Sixteenth session

24 April to 5 May 2017 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2017/1 and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2017/L.1.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, *in advance of the session*, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; Room S-3066). Kindly be reminded that the observers who have not indicated their participation by the established deadline will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. For background and other related documents of the sixteenth session of the Forum, please *click here*.

The sixteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a *PaperSmart* manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal. Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

The *list of speakers is open*. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the Secretariat (Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org)). Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least one hour in advance* of their designated speaking slot and to bring *30 copies* of their statements for technical services.

United Nations Forum on Forests
Twelfth session

1 to 5 May 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2017/1 and the proposed organization of work and related documentation is available from the Forum website (please *click here*).

The lists of speakers for the general discussion of agenda item 3 on Monday, 1 May 2017, in the morning, *is open*. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Forum, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org)). The time limits for statements are *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States.

Information on registration of participants is available from the Forum website (please *click here*). For inclusion in the list of participants, delegations are requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, the composition of their delegations by e-mail to the Secretary of the Forum (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart services will be available to delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically. Please send a copy of the statement *at least one hour in advance of delivery* to papersmart1@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Forum PaperSmart portal (please *click here*) after delivery by delegations.

For additional information on the twelfth session of the Forum, please visit the Forum website (*click here*). The list of side events on the margins of the session is available by *clicking here*.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Briefing

Monday, 24 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

On UNDP Strategic Plan 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited.

Joint briefings

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women on Cost Recovery

All member and observer delegations are invited.

Thursday, 27 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On the common elements of the UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN-Women Strategic Plans 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited.

Annual session 2017

30 May to 9 June 2017 Conference Room 3

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2017/L.2. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list, to Executive Board Secretariat (e-mail eb.secretariat@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible*, but *no later than* Monday, 22 May 2017.

The annual session 2017 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible by *clicking here*. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Pre-session informal consultation

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 6

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP

Monday, 19 June 2017

10:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 4

Forthcoming other meetings

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Event entitled "It Takes a World: High level event on Ending Violence against Children" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, Japan, Luxembourg, Panama, Thailand, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children, World Vision and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS))

Monday, 24 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact UN-NGLS (e-mail info@un-ngls.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3125).

International Criminal Court: Working Group on Amendments

Monday, 24 April 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (facilitation on the activation of the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of aggression)

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Monday, 24 April 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Briefing on "The Draft WIPO Practical Guide on Intellectual Property for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities – Indigenous Perspectives" (organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO))

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, WIPO (e-mail lucinda.longcroft@wipo.int; tel. 1 (917) 244-1071 or 1 (212) 963-6813).

Event on "Lessons Learned from the Special Court for Sierra Leone's Prosecution of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Sierra Leone and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Canada (Ms. Catherine Boucher (e-mail catherine.boucher@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1160); or Ms. Roan Ramos (e-mail roan.ramos@international.gc.ca); tel. 1 (212) 848-1107).

Seminar on "Managing climate change related risks and security challenges" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rebecca Hedlund, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail rebecca.hedlund@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2553).

Special event on "Cry of the Indigenous Crimean Tatars in the occupied Crimea" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Daryna Horbachova, Permanent Mission of Ukraine (e-mail dasha.horbachova@mfa.gov.ua; tel. 1 (212) 759-7003).

Diplomatic briefing on "The Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Canada (Ms. Catherine Boucher (e-mail catherine.boucher@international.gc.ca; tel. 1 (212) 848-1160); or Ms. Roan Ramos (e-mail roan.ramos@international.gc.ca); tel. 1 (212) 848-1107).

Event on "Innovation: Improving Lives *Women as innovators and beneficiaries of innovation for sustainable development*" (on the occasion of the World Intellectual Property Day) (organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO))

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, WIPO (e-mail lucinda.longcroft@wipo.int; tel. 1 (917) 244-1071 or 1 (212) 963-6813).

Event entitled "Marine Protected Areas, Indigenous and Local Communities, and Sustainable Livelihoods" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and France, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), and the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD))

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room B

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Evaline Cho, Permanent Observer Mission of IUCN (e-mail evaline.cho@iucn.org; tel. 1 (212) 346-1163).

Round table discussion "Identifying and Mitigating Long-term Consequences of the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster: Building the Case for Continued International Cooperation" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus, the Project Chernobyl and the Russian American Foundation)

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tamara Kharashun, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail tamara.kharashun@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 772-2354); to register, please *click here*.

Meeting of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States (ambassadorial level) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Italy and Maldives)

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Eugenia Palagi, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail eugenia.palagi@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).

Workshop on "Corruption-free Institutions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, Denmark, Georgia, Qatar, Sierra Leone and Singapore, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Thursday, 27 April 2017

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Georgia (e-mail geomission.un@mfa.gov.ge; tel. 1 (212) 759-1949).

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 27 April 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Workshop on "Sustainable Development and Climate Change" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Friday, 28 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register, please *click here*.

Briefing for Member States on "Mobilizing institutions and leadership for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)" (organized by Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Friday, 28 April 2017

13:30 to 14:30 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. David Lung'aho, DESA (e-mail lungaho@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3998).

High-level meeting entitled "Science for Peace presenting the theme of the 2017 World Science Forum" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Hungary and Jordan)

Friday, 28 April 2017

15:00 to 17:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Veronika Csiszár, Permanent Mission of Hungary (e-mail veronika.csiszar@mfa.gov.hu); or Ms. Nour Al-Jazi, Permanent Mission of Jordan (e-mail nour.jazi@gmail.com).

Briefing on "The Centre for Humanitarian Data" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherland and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Friday, 28 April 2017

16:00 to 17:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jenny Cheng, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail nyv@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9517; to register, please *click here*.

Official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Twentieth session

8-12 May 2017 (United Nations Office at Geneva)

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2016/254 of 27 July 2016, the twentieth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 8, to Friday, 12 May 2017, in Conference Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2017/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Ms. Dong Wu (Chief, Science and Technology Section) and Ms. Stéphanie Kermoal, Science and Technology Section, STICT Branch, UNCTAD (tel. 011-41-22-917-2083; fax 011-41-22-917-0052; e-mail stdev@unctad.org).

In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information by *clicking here*.

Inquiries on the twentieth session of the Commission can also be directed to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

Preparatory Committee for the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
First session
2-12 May 2017 (United Nations Office at Vienna)

A *general debate* on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee will be held on Tuesday 2, and Wednesday, 3 May 2017. The *list of speakers* for the general debate *is open*.

States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Treaty secretariat (Mr. Hong Tan (e-mail tan1@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; Room S-3164; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

Members of delegations who are not already *accredited* to the United Nations Office at Vienna are requested to fill in the *registration* form annexed to "Information for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations" (NPT/CONF.2020/PC.I/INF/2/Rev.1*) and return it to the secretariat (Mr. Hong Tan (e-mail tan1@un.org; with a copy to Ms. Lucia Andaya (e-mail andaya@un.org)), *as soon as possible*.

States parties are also kindly requested to provide, *in writing*, the composition of their delegations at the session, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, M. Ioan Tudor, Office for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations, Room S-3151, New York, New York 10017, United States of America; or to the Treaty secretariat (fax 1 (917) 367-1760).

To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the *list of participants*, it is requested that electronic documents containing the names of representatives be provided in Microsoft Word to Ms. Lucia Andaya of the Treaty secretariat by e-mail (andaya@un.org), *as soon as possible*.

The session of the Preparatory Committee will be a paper-smart session, meaning that a limited number of hard copies of documents will be available during meetings. No hard copies of pre-session documents will be available.

All documents and statements for the first session will be available from the website of the 2017 Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Delegations are kindly requested to send electronic copies of their statements to papersmart9@un.org, *at least two hours prior* to their speaking slot. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

The secretariat kindly requests that delegations provide *only 25 hard copies* of official statements for the technical services.

The United Nations does not provide photocopying services.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Further information for participants is contained in the Information Note (NPT/CONF.2020/PC.1/INF/2/Rev.1*) and is also available on the web site of the first session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Announcements

Twelfth St. Jerome Translation Contest Award Ceremony

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management invites delegations and staff members to attend the Twelfth St. Jerome Translation Contest Award Ceremony, *today*, 21 April 2017, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2. For further information, please contact Ms. Abigail Loregnard, DGACM (email loregnard@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3137); or *click here*.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *April 2017*:

Introduction to legal resources

Finding speeches (English and French)

Voting information (English and French)

Introduction to library services

General Assembly documentation

Introduction to United Nations documents (English and French)

Treaty research

Security Council documentation

Research on the United Nations Charter

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For further information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-second session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Friday, 28 April 2017*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-second session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 71/41, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 5 December 2016 (Note verbale ODA/08-2017/CAC dated 20 February 2017);

Resolution 71/45, paras. 4 and 5, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions", adopted on 5 December 2016 (Note verbale dated 10 February 2017) (this submission should be sent to ccm@unog.ch); and

Resolution 71/62, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 5 December 2016 (Note verbale ODA/05-2017/D&D dated 20 February 2017).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (*click here*), by *Friday, 28 April 2017*, the information relevant to resolution 70/21, paras. 1, 3, 4 and 8, entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/06-2017/OIMM dated 20 February 2017 refers).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2017, as follows:

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (20 June 2017), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (*click here* for general information);

Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (22 June 2017), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information); and

Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (28 June 2017), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded.

All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week* before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room S-1309).

For any clarifications on these elections, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

The *Repertoire* is available in the six official languages of the United Nations. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2017 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 19 April 2017

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Coordination and management meeting

[archived video]

18th meeting

The Vice-President of the Council (Czech Republic) opened the meeting.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

Coordination, programme and other questions: Long-term programme of support for Haiti [item 12 (d)]

The Council began its consideration of item 12 (d) jointly with item 2 and heard a statement by the Vice-President (Czech Republic).

Introduction of and action on draft decision E/2017/L.14

The Secretary of the Council read out a statement of financial implications of the draft decision.

The observer for Canada made a statement and introduced the draft decision also on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Trinidad and Tobago joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Non-governmental organizations [item 17]

The Council began its consideration of the agenda item.

General discussion

Statements were made representatives of the United States, Estonia (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Albania, Georgia, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine) and Norway, as well as by the observers for Armenia and Uruguay (also on behalf of Chile and Mexico).

Introduction of and action on draft decision E/2017/L.16

The Council was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement and introduced the draft decision also on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and announced that Bulgaria, Italy, Norway and Sweden had joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

Subsequently, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Guyana, Israel and the Netherlands joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Kingdom, to which the Vice-President responded.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Australia and China.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, South Africa and Viet Nam.

The Council adopted the draft decision by a recorded vote of 28 to 9, with 12 abstentions.

After the vote, the representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote.

Action on draft decision E/2017/L.17

The Council was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Chile made a statement and introduced the draft decision also on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Andorra, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic Denmark, Hungary, Israel, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovenia and Switzerland joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Australia (also on behalf of Canada, Iceland, Liechtenstein, New Zealand and Switzerland), Brazil and Chile, as well as by the observer for Uruguay.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of China, Norway, South Africa and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

The Council adopted the draft decision by a recorded vote of 37 to 0, with 16 abstentions.

After the vote, the representatives of the Russian Federation and Viet Nam made statements in explanation of vote.

The observer for Mexico also made a statement (also on behalf of Chile and Uruguay).

Action on the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on non-Governmental Organizations on its 2017 regular session (E/2017/32 (Part I))

Action on draft decision I

The Council adopted the draft decision, as amended by the adoption of draft decision E/2017/L.16.

Action on draft decision II

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision III

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision IV

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision V

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision VI

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft decision VII

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [item 4]

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2018: Afghanistan, Algeria, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, India, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Togo.

The Council then proceeded to elect five members from Western European and other States by secret ballot.

Ms. Helen Rits (Estonia) and Ms. Yumaira Rodriquez (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) served as Tellers.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

Belgium *(50 votes)*

Australia *(48 votes)*

Canada *(48 votes)*

Switzerland *(44 votes)*

France *(43 votes)*

United Kingdom *(33 votes)*

Having obtained the required majority and the highest number of votes: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France and Switzerland were declared elected for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2018.

Statistical Commission

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2018: Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Netherlands, Peru, the Russian Federation and South Africa.

The Council decided to postpone the election of one member from the African States for a four year term beginning 1 January 2018.

Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session in 2018 and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session in 2022: Argentina, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Haiti, Mauritania, the Russian Federation, the United States of America and Vanuatu.

The Council decided to postpone the election of two members from the African States, one member from the Asia-Pacific States, and two members from the Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session in 2018 and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session in 2022.

The Council also elected Canada, by acclamation, to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session in 2020. The Council also elected Denmark, by acclamation, to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session in 2021.

The Council decided to further postpone the election of two members from the Asia-Pacific States, and one member from the Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session in 2021.

Commission on the Status of Women

The Council proceeded to elect five members from the African States, five members from the Asia-Pacific States and three members from the Latin American and Caribbean States by secret ballot.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China and Uganda.

The Vice-President and the Secretary of the Council provided clarifications.

Ms. Virginia Tanchez (Australia) and Ms. Marissa Edwards (Guyana) served as Tellers.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

African States:

Algeria *(54 votes)*

Comoros *(53 votes)*

Congo *(53 votes)*

Ghana *(53 votes)*

Kenya *(53 votes)*

Asia-Pacific States:

Iraq *(54 votes)*

Republic of Korea *(54 votes)*

Japan *(53 votes)*

Turkmenistan *(53 votes)*

Saudi Arabia *(47 votes)*

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Ecuador *(54 votes)*

Haiti *(54 votes)*

Nicaragua *(52 votes)*

Having obtained the required majority: Algeria, Comoros, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Haiti, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Nicaragua, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia and Turkmenistan were declared elected for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting held in 2018 of the Commission's sixty-third session and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-sixth session in 2022.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2020: Afghanistan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mauritania, the Russian Federation, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay.

The Council decided to postpone the election of four members from African States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2020.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2020: Côte d'Ivoire, Germany and the Russian Federation.

The Council decided to postpone the election of four members from African States, three members from the Asia-Pacific States, three members from the Latin American and Caribbean States and eight members from the Western European and other States for a term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2020.

The Council also elected, by acclamation, Belarus to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Working Group of Experts for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2018.

The Council was reminded of the twenty-one outstanding vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts: four from the African States, one from the Asia-Pacific States, three from the Latin American and Caribbean States and eight from the Western European and Other States for a term expiring on 31 December 2017; and two from Asia-Pacific States, two from the Latin American and Caribbean States for a term expiring on 31 December 2018, all for terms beginning on the date of election.

Executive Board of the United Nations Children Fund

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2020: Belarus, Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Republic of Korea, Sudan, Turkmenistan and the United States of America.

The Council was informed that Denmark, Spain and Sweden would resign from their seats on the Executive Board effective 31 December 2017. The Council then elected, by acclamation, Austria and Turkey to complete the term of office of Denmark and Sweden, respectively (expiring on 31 December 2018), and the Netherlands to complete the term of office of Spain (expiring on 31 December 2019), all terms beginning on 1 January 2018.

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/171 of 19 December 2016, by which the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had been enlarged from 98 to 101, the Council elected Fiji, Lithuania and Paraguay, as members of the Executive Committee.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund /United Nations Office for Project Services

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2020: Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Egypt, Finland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council was informed that Australia, Germany and the Netherlands would resign from their seats on the Executive Board effective 31 December 2017. The Council then elected, by acclamation, Canada to complete the term of office of Australia (expiring on 31 December 2018), and Ireland and Luxembourg to complete the term of office of Germany and the Netherlands, respectively (expiring on 31 December 2019), all terms beginning on 1 January 2018.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected the following States, by acclamation, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2018 and expiring on 31 December 2020: China, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council decided to postpone the election of one member from List A for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017.

The Council was informed that Swaziland would resign from its seat on the Executive Board. The Council then elected, by acclamation, Lesotho to complete the term of office of Swaziland (expiring on 31 December 2017) beginning on the date of election, for List A.

The Council was also informed that Mexico would resign its seat on the Executive Board beginning 31 December 2017. The Council then elected Colombia to complete the term of office of Mexico (expiring on 31 December 2019, beginning on 1 January 2018, for List C.

The Council was also informed that Finland, Spain and the Netherlands would resign from their seats on the Executive Board on 31 December 2017. The Council then elected Norway and Greece to complete the terms of office of Finland and Spain, respectively (expiring on 31 December 2019) and New Zealand, to complete the term of office of the Netherlands (expiring on 31 December 2018), all beginning on 1 January 2018, for List D.

Outstanding vacancies from previous sessions of the Council

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected Bulgaria and Romania, and France, by acclamation, to fill outstanding vacancies from the Eastern European States, and from the Western European and Other States, respectively, beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session in 2021.

The Council elected Congo and Senegal, and Iceland, by acclamation, to fill outstanding vacancies from the African States and the Western European and Other States, respectively, beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-eighth session in 2020.

The Council also elected the Republic of Moldova, by acclamation, to fill an outstanding vacancy beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-seventh session in 2019.

The Council was informed that the Republic of Moldova resigned from its seat on the Commission for the term expiring at the end of the fifty-eighth session in 2020. The Council then elected Belarus to complete the term vacated by the Republic of Moldova, beginning on the date of election.

The Council decided to further postpone the election to fill five outstanding vacancies as follows: two from the Asia-Pacific States for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session in 2021; and three from the Western European and Other States, that is, two for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-ninth session in 2021, and one for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-eighth session in 2020, all for terms beginning on the date of election.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected Mexico and South Africa, by acclamation, to fill outstanding vacancies in the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2020.

The Council decided to further postpone the election of one member from the Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2020.

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

The Council was informed that Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany and Luxembourg resigned from their seats on the Executive Board effective 31 December 2017. The Council then elected Finland, Canada and the Netherlands to complete the terms of office of Belgium, Denmark and France, respectively, (expiring on 31 December 2019); and Portugal and New Zealand to complete the terms of office of Germany and Luxembourg, respectively (expiring on 31 December 2018), all beginning on 1 January 2018.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

The Council elected Afghanistan, by acclamation, to fill an outstanding vacancy for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2020.

The Council decided to further postpone the election of seven outstanding vacancies as follows: one from the Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2020; and six from the Western European and other States, that is, two for a term expiring on 31 December 2018, one for a term expiring on 31 December 2019, and three for a term expiring on 31 December 2020.

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Council elected Sweden, by acclamation, in accordance with Council resolution 2015/1 of 4 March 2015, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2018.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council was reminded of the outstanding vacancy on the Permanent Forum from the Asia-Pacific States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2019.

Organization of work

The Vice-President (Czech Republic) made a statement.

19th meeting — The summary of the 19th meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2017/78).

Thursday, 20 April 2017

Security Council

[archived video]

7929th meeting — *The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

Letter dated 10 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2017/305)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Iceland, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Viet Nam to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Neville Melvin Gertze, Vice-Chair, Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, and His Excellency João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mladenov.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of the United States, by His Excellency Sergiy Kyslytsya, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, and by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Sweden, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, France, Japan, Uruguay, China, Ethiopia, Senegal, Italy, Egypt and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Samuel Moncada, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Jordan (speaking on behalf of the Arab Group), Liechtenstein, Morocco, Brazil, Pakistan, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Neville Melvin Gertze.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Peru and Cuba.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Indonesia, Oman, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Uzbekistan (speaking on behalf of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation), and Viet Nam.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency João Vale de Almeida (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries Montenegro and Albania, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, Malaysia, Qatar, the Maldives, Turkey, Norway, Bahrain, Chile, Iceland, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, Nigeria and Haiti.

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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77th plenary meeting

Sustainable development; Oceans and the law of the sea: draft decision (A/71/L.62) [items 19 and 73 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 19 and of sub-item (a) of agenda item 73.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/71/L.62 (decision 71/552).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 19 and sub-item (a) of agenda item 73.

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/71/768) [item 29]
Peacebuilding and sustaining peace [item 61]
Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/71/792) [item 110]

Joint debate

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (former Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission), the Republic of Korea (Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission), the European Union (also on behalf of its member States and Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine), Sri Lanka, Egypt,

Morocco, Guatemala, India, Burundi, Argentina, Brazil, the Netherlands, Japan, China, Pakistan, Portugal, Colombia, the Russian Federation and the United States.

78th meeting

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/71/768) [item 29]
Peacebuilding and sustaining peace [item 61]
Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/71/792) [item 110]

Joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 29, 61 and 110.

Statements were made by the representatives of Estonia, Australia, Norway, Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Germany, Indonesia, Senegal, Ireland, Sweden, Uruguay, Ethiopia, Nepal, El Salvador and Turkey.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 29, 61 and 110.

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Coordination and management meeting

20th-21st meetings

The summary of the 20th and 21st meetings will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2017/78).

Committee for Programme and Coordination

Fifty-seventh session

Organizational session

1st meeting

Opening of the session

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the fifty-sixth session of the Committee, the Secretary of the Committee opened the organizational session and presided over the election of the Bureau.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. David Stansbury (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as Chair of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-seventh session.

The Committee then proceeded with the election of the Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Vadim Pisarevich (Republic of Belarus) as Vice-Chair of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-seventh session.

In the absence of nominations for the remaining posts of Vice-Chairs of the Committee from the Group of Asia-Pacific States and the Group of African States, the Committee decided to postpone the election of these officers to the substantive session of the Committee.

In the absence of nominations for the post of Rapporteur from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Committee further postponed the election of that officer to its substantive session.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [item 2]

In the absence of the Chair Elect of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as well as any of the Vice-Chairs of the fifty-seventh session, the Secretary of the Committee continued to preside over the remaining items of the organizational session.

Annotated provisional agenda

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session (E/AC.51/2017/1).

Status of preparedness of documentation and report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Committee had before it a document on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2017/L.1) and a note by the Secretariat on the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2017/L.2).

The Secretary of the Committee provided an oral update on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2017/L.1).

Organization of work

The Committee also had before it a preliminary draft programme of work for its fifty-seventh session prepared by the Secretariat and subject to review by the Bureau.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States and Senegal.

The organizational session of the fifty-seventh session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination was declared closed.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Turkey (19 April 2017)

General information

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General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (k), and (l), 116 to 118, 120 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

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A/71/866–S/2017/303 — Item 61 — Peacebuilding and sustaining peace — Letter dated 7 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *7 pages*

A/71/L.61/Rev.1 — Item 19 — Sustainable development — Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, Gambia, Georgia, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Namibia, Nicaragua, Palau, Panama, Qatar, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam: revised draft resolution — World Creativity and Innovation Day [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

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